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RE: Comments on the Draft
Monticello Vicinity Properties
Record of Decision (ROD)

Dear Mr. Williamson:

This letter is to formally document comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Utah Department of Health (UDH) on the draft ROD for the Monticello Vicinity Properties, as you requested on August 28, 1989. EPA concurred with the comments as documented in the meeting note, prepared by Ms. Tracy Plessinger, for the meeting among EPA, UDH, and the Department of Energy on August 22, 1989. EPA has some additional comments on the draft ROD as follows:

Page 1, Assessment of the Site - This section was omitted. The declaration should include a statement of the existence of an imminent and substantial endangerment. The following statement is required for all RODs:

"Actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances from this site, if not addressed by implementing the response action selected in this ROD, may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health, welfare, or the environment."

Page 1, ROD Summary, Site Name, Location, and Description - This section inadequately describes the actual or potential threat from the site, only geographical information on the city of Monticello is presented.

Page 5, ⁶⁰⁷Summary, Site Characteristics and Site Risks - Brief summaries of the human health risks, contaminant identification, exposure assessment, toxicity assessment, risk characterization and environmental risks should be incorporated into the text of this section. The same statement as for Assessment of the Site listed above is also required.

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Page 4, ROD Summary, paragraph 2, last sentence should be changed as follows: The Environmental Protection Agency in consultation with the State of Utah, and the Department of Energy will develop a plan for resolving owner refusals on these properties. If DOE disputes responsibility for response activities at any given individual property, the procedure found in Part XIII of the Federal Facility Agreement will be used to determine who shall be responsible for the clean up.

Comments from the State of Utah on the draft ROD is enclosed. I hope that we can come to an agreement on the Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements, and owner-refusal properties during our meeting on August 30, 1989.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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